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Hello,

This is to provide timely notification of a discharge of abnormally turbid (colored) water from the Gold King Mine water treatment system to Cement Creek. Today at approximately 12:30 PM excess lime was added to the mine discharge water while testing the automated lime delivery system. This resulted in an increase in floc and turbidity which flowed out of the final treatment pond into Cement Creek. It was reported by the on site OSC that a noticeable but minor color change was observable in Cement Creek. As of 2:30 PM it was reported that the discharge color was returning to normal.

I will be a point of contact if there any further updates. Thank you,

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